

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named Inventor : Yunbo Cao	Confirmation No.: 6672
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For : UNCERTAINTY REDUCTION IN COLLABORATIVE BOOTSTRAPPING	
Docket No. : M61.12-0555	

**INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING  
DECEMBER 22, 2008

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Sir:

A brief telephone interview was conducted with the Examiner on December 18, 2008.

During that interview, the Examiner indicated that he had reviewed this case with his Supervisor.

The result of that review, according to the Examiner, was the reaching of a conclusion that the claims are in condition for allowance except for the fact that the claims allegedly are lacking a tangible result. Applicant took this under advisement and then phoned the Examiner the next day on December 19, 2008. At that time, Applicant reminded the Examiner about footnote 19 in the recently issued Bilsky Federal Circuit decision. In particular, Applicant reminded the Examiner that the Court came to the conclusion that the “useful, concrete and tangible result” analysis should no longer be relied on. Applicant reminded the Examiner that the correct test is the machine-or-transformation test outlined by the Supreme Court. Applicant pointed out to the Examiner that the claims in their current form clearly satisfy the machine-or-transformation test. In light of the fact that the claims are apparently in conformance with the current standards under §101, and in light of the fact that the Examiner had previously indicated that the §101 issues

were all that remained, Applicant politely asked for allowance of the claims in their current form. The Examiner ended the conversation by saying that he would ask his supervisor if it would be okay to allow the claims in light of the fact that the tangible result issue is apparently not relevant.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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